IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

THEODORE AARON MCCRACKEN : CIVIL ACTION

Plaintiff,:

:

v. :

:

LEON L. DUNN et al., : No. 17-3129

Defendants. :

ORDER

AND NOW, on this 15th day of August, 2018, upon consideration of the Petition for a Writ of Habeas Corpus (Doc. No. 1), the Report and Recommendation recommending denial of the writ (Doc. No. 31) and the lack of objections thereto, it is **hereby ORDERED** that:

- 1. The Report & Recommendation (Doc. No. 31) is **APPROVED** and **ADOPTED**.
- 2. The Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus (Doc. No. 1) is **DENIED.**
- 3. There is no probable cause to issue a certificate of appealability. 1
- 4. The Clerk of Court shall mark this case **CLOSED** for all purposes, including statistics.

BY THE COURT:

/s/ Gene E.K. Pratter
GENE E.K. PRATTER
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

¹ A certificate of appealability may issue only upon "a substantial showing of the denial of a constitutional right." 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(2). A petitioner must "demonstrate that reasonable jurists would find the district court's assessment of the constitutional claims debatable or wrong." *Slack v. McDaniel*, 529 U.S. 473, 484 (2000); *Lambert v. Blackwell*, 387 F.3d 210, 230 (3d Cir. 2004). The Court agrees with U.S. Magistrate Judge Rice that there is no probable cause to issue such a certificate in this action.